

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will approve the \$590,590 debt authorized by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (the “District”) on August 10, 2011, to pay costs of replacing the roof at the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve assets that are otherwise capable of supporting the District’s required educational program. The Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (“MSBA”) grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns, and that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Projects shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.25 percent (63.25%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to the vote of the District described above shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA, provided that the approval of the District’s borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 21/2)]. Or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION:

Ms. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to approve the \$590,590 debt authorized by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (the “District”) on August 10, 2011, to pay costs of replacing the roof at the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve assets that are otherwise capable of supporting the District’s required educational program. The Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (“MSBA”) grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns, and that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Projects shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.25 percent (63.25%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to the vote of the District described above shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA, and that this vote shall be an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 21/2)].

The Board of Selectmen unanimously supports this article.

The Finance Committee unanimously supports this article.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will approve the \$635,155 debt authorized by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (the “District”) on August 10, 2011, to pay costs of roof and

window replacement at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve assets that are otherwise capable of supporting the District's required educational program. The Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns, and that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Projects shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.25 percent (63.25%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to the vote of the District described above shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA, provided that the approval of the District's borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 21/2)]. Or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION:

Ms. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to approve the \$635,155 debt authorized by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (the "District") on August 10, 2011, to pay costs of roof and window replacement at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve assets that are otherwise capable of supporting the District's required educational program. The Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns, and that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Projects shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.25 percent (63.25%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to the vote of the District described above shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA, and that this vote shall be an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 21/2)].

The Board of Selectmen unanimously supports this article.

The Finance Committee unanimously supports this article.

ARTICLE 3: Article: To see if the Town will approve the debt authorized by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (the "District") on August 10, 2011, to pay costs of roof and window replacement at the Colrain Central School which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve assets that are otherwise capable of supporting the District's required educational program. The Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any

grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns, and that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Projects shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.25 percent (63.25%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to the vote of the District described above shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION:

Ms. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to approve the \$635,155 debt authorized by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (the “District”) on August 10, 2011, to pay costs of roof and window replacement at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve assets that are otherwise capable of supporting the District’s required educational program. The Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (“MSBA”) grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns, and that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Projects shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.25 percent (63.25%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to the vote of the District described above shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

*The Board of Selectmen unanimously supports this article.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports this article.*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL OPERATING ASSESSMENT** for FY2012, or take any action relating thereto.

MOTION:

Ms. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,187 for the FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL OPERATING ASSESSEMNT for FY2012.

*The Board of Selectmen unanimously supports this article.
The Finance Committee unanimously supports this article.*

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT** for FY2012, or take any action relating thereto.

MOTION:

Ms. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$599 for the

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSEMENT for FY2012.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously supports this article.

The Finance Committee unanimously supports this article.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws as follows, or take any action relating thereto:

CHAPTER XI - DOG BYLAWS

Sec. 2 Dogs Running At Large:

- a. No person owning or keeping a dog in the Town shall allow such dog to roam at large upon the land of another, except if it be on the premises of another person with the knowledge and permission of such other person, nor allow such dog to roam at large on any portion of any public highway.
- b. Exceptions: Animals which are classified as hunting or sporting dogs, as well as working dogs, while used in such capacity.
- c. This by-law shall remain in force year round.
- d. Fines for unrestrained dogs who are found to be running at large will be imposed and shall be:
 - \$10.00 per offense for Dog Officer pick-up
 - \$10.00 per offense for running unrestrained first offense
 - \$20.00 per offense for running unrestrained second offense
 - \$30.00 per offense for running unrestrained third and subsequent offenses
 - \$10.00 per day holding fees (up to 10 days)**
- e. **Fee for holding per day (up to 10 days) to be set annually.**
- ~~e.f.~~ Enforcement: the enforcing person for this article is the dog officer or his/her designee.
- ~~f.g.~~ Dogs found to be running at large will be held for up to (10) ten days. All fines and holding fees must be paid in full before any dog will be released. These fines and fees imposed are issued in accordance with M.G.L. chapter 140, Section 173.

Sections in bold and struck through are to be deleted. Sections in bold and underlined are to be added.

MOTION:

Ms. Moderator, I move that the Town vote to amend CHAPTER XI - DOG BYLAWS Section 2 DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE as printed in the Special Town Meeting Warrant for September 12, 2011.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support this article.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously to support this article.